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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 1887.

There are ten books in the secret archives of the United States Patent Office for which attorneys in Washington would be willing to give \$100,000. They are the books containing the names and addresses of inventors whose cases have been rejected during the past ten years. There has been an average of 28,000 cases filed in the Patent Office every year for the last ten years and a yearly average of 18,000 patents granted. Last year there were 35,000 applications filed and 24,000 patents issued, the largest number in any one year. On this showing something like 60 per cent. of the applications have been patented. So there have been during the last ten years about 100,000 rejected cases. These in part include cases defeated in interferences and applications allowed, but on which final fees have not been paid.

Now good attorneys get fully 90 per cent. of their cases allowed and patented; hence there must be some reason for only 60 per cent. of the applications being allowed. The reason is this: Fully 8,000 inventors every year make out their own cases and try to get them through the Patent Office. Not knowing the routine they almost invariably get involved in the meshes of red tape and the intricacies of Patent Office procedure. The difficulty may be slight, a mere informality, a defective drawing, an improperly worded application, an indefinite specification, or a slight interference requiring a few amendments which a skillful patent attorney could make in half an hour. But to the inventor these prove an insurmountable obstacle; his application is rejected and he gives up in disgust or despair.

Applications for patents in the United States Patent Office go first to the twenty-eight principal examiners, according to the subject matter. If they are rejected, two years are allowed in which to amend them or take other necessary action. If no action shall have been taken at the end of two years, such cases are treated as abandoned, and are sent to the division where they are entered in the books which the Patent Attorneys so much covet. Fully 50,000 of the rejected cases of the last ten years fall under these conditions. At a low estimate 25,000 of these rejected cases put in the hands of a competent attorney, could be patented. A patent attorney's fees on such conditional cases would be about \$25 per case—a gross sum of \$625,000. Count out disgusted inventors and those not able to pay, still an enormous number would get out patents if they knew how. But the trouble is just here, no one outside the Patent Office is allowed access to those file books. And without them they cannot learn the name and address of inventors. Then again, there are some 15,000 cases now lying in the Examiner's rooms awaiting the two years' limit. These are still more valuable, for if they are taken up before the time-limit expires, the initial fees do not lapse, while in the other cases they would have to be repaid.

The practice in the United States Patent Office was not always thus. During Grant's first term, for a period of about a year, attorneys were allowed access to all letter books, and previous to that had been allowed access to the files of abandoned cases, but there was a constant scramble and not infrequently downright fights over them, and about 1875 the Patent Office made them secret.

### The Idaho Test Oath.

The test oath required of every official in Idaho brings to the front an amusing phase of politics, as illustrated by the following extract from the Wood River Times. "Some of the county officials-elect filed their bonds today and will qualify tomorrow. It is stated that when Mrs. Butler came to the Court House to qualify as School Superintendent, she asked for a copy of the oath. Glancing over it curiously, she was about to sign it, when her eye rested upon the phrase, 'that I do not cohabit with any woman not my lawful wife.' She thereupon blushed, coughed slightly, and asked if there was not another form of oath. She will qualify tomorrow.

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## A DISPICABLE THIEF.

A Man Collects Money for a Funeral and Decamps.

Yesterday a warrant was issued for the arrest of Jeff Howard a negro charged with embezzlement. He went about town collecting money for the funeral of the late Henry Bailey, and after collecting about \$25 disappeared without paying any of the funeral bills. The officers are on his trail and will doubtless bring him in in the morning. It is the general opinion in this city that it is high time to make an example of creatures of his stamp. This is not the first time in Carson that such contemptible thievery has been indulged in by men who seem unable to get their hands on money without appropriating it. If the fellow is captured he will probably be made to serve a term in the penitentiary. There are plenty of witnesses who gave him half a dollar or a dollar towards the old man's funeral who say that they will prosecute the case until they make an example of this man for all previous and future offenders.

Ben. Perley Poore's Forthcoming Book.

Sixty years of a busy journalistic life at Washington are epitomized in Major Ben. Perley Poore's forthcoming book. One of the admirers of the Major recently said that at a "judiciously ripe period of life" the Major stopped growing old, and since then, like some of the choice Madeira of which he writes with so much feeling, he has only been accumulating bouquet and flavor. Major Poore has been one of the best known and one of the most knowing men in Washington society for half a century. His is the sunny temperament, delighting in bright, social intercourse. Yet his connection with daily journalism and his position in the United States Senate placed him always in the thick of political affairs and social gossip. He was ever in the Washington "Swim," breasting the waves with jovial vigor, and never failing to hear and see what was said or done.

The Major could never be very solemn, and in his ripened sketches of Washington life every phase reminds him of half a dozen amusing anecdotes. He has a rare gift in telling a story, and his anecdotes are inexhaustible.

His book will not only add lustre to his fame as a writer, but is of so unique a character and so intensely interesting in matter that it will prove a valuable contribution to the literature of the country. It has mirth for the mirthful, wit for the witty, information for all, and we doubt if it has been equalled by any subscription book since the war.

It is being issued by the well-known house of A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, Cal., and sold exclusively by subscription.

Guilty Conscience Makes Cowards.

"Hey, there! You've got my umbrella. I've found it at last, have I?" exclaimed a large-sized man in a loud and menacing tone, as he stood in a doorway in one of the principal streets one rainy morning recently while a number of pedestrians were hurrying past. A dozen men turned at once on hearing him, and came towards him, holding out their umbrellas and making profuse apologies. With the air of an injured individual, the large man selected a fine silk one from among the number, and the procession moved on again.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the first day of January, 1887, the co-partnership theretofore existing between the undersigned in the butcher business, and meat market known as the Union Market, in Carson City, Nevada, was dissolved by mutual consent, Jacob Leonard retiring from the business and George Dies taking full charge of the same. All debts of the firm will be paid by Dies, and all moneys owing by said firm will be paid by him.

### Surprise Party.

A large number of boys and girls assembled at Senator Maute's residence on Thursday evening last. It was a surprise party given in honor of Miss Addie Maute. Those present enjoyed a splendid time.

—Under the Inter-State Commerce Bill the rate from Reno to San Francisco will be about \$8.

## ALL SORTS.

—Wells has been visited by a cyclone.

—There are parties and receptions almost every night, and more are announced for the coming week. Everybody seems to be enjoying themselves on all sides.

—Let it be positively understood that Schneider & Simas, the photographers opposite the Mint, are the artists selected to make the official State group for 1887.

—DIED—In Carson City, January 22, 1887, Napoleon X., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spooner, aged 9 years and one month. The funeral will take place from the Catholic Church today at 3 o'clock P. M.

—Ayer's Sarsaparilla, being highly concentrated, requires a smaller dose, and is more effective, dose for dose, than any other blood medicine. It is the cheapest, because the best. Quality and not quantity should be considered.

—Ayer's Pills cure constipation, improve the appetite, promote digestion, restore healthy action, and regulate every function. They are pleasant to take, gentle in their operation, yet thorough, searching, and powerful in subduing disease.

—Pete Breen is the new State Treasurer of Colorado, who brings honesty and a rich brogue to the discharge of his duties. He says: "O! know but little about book-keeping and the like, but begorras not a cent can get away from me 807."

—A female Union printer in Galveston married a non-Union printer. In the pale and pretty honeymoon she tried to have him join the Typographical Union, and he wouldn't. He was thereupon boycotted by all the labor unions in the city, and by his wife, who has applied for a divorce.

—The Salt Lake Tribune in speaking of the Cliff House explosion says: "Had every memory which clusters around the place weighed an ounce apiece, the explosion of 100,000 pounds of dynamite would not have been enough to jar it." The above leads us to infer that the Judge ran things pretty high in his younger days.

—Herrmann the Wizard is the next theatrical attraction here. One of his most attractive tricks is to cause the disappearance of his wife who vanishes like a flash of light into the air. All this is alluring to the hen-pecked husbands but the chances are that before midnight she turns up again with the regular curtain lecture, as big as life.

—The proposition of having three lawyers to establish harmonious relations between the compiled Laws and Constitution looks like rather a rough joke on the various Judiciary Committees which have scrutinized the legal bills during previous Legislatures. But would the lawyers establish the desired harmony? The lack of harmony between the code and the Constitution is what enables the lawyer to dress in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day.

—It is to be hoped that when another public man dies, says the San Francisco Alta, the new wires will spare us the minute descriptions of death-bed sorrows and sighs and tears and farewells. All human beings take it for granted that while death is clutching at a man's throat, his wife and family are not hilarious, nor are they probably at a ball or a circus. But few men and women are there who have not felt the keen and heavy dolours of similar scenes, and they don't gloat upon the description of the experience of others. The newsgatherer has come to consider his duty undone unless he describes the underclothes at a wedding and the shroud at a funeral. He is too hyperdescriptive. He will please not make us tired.

### Carriages.

Doc. Benton wishes to call attention that persons who wish to hire close carriages for balls and receptions during the Legislative session will do well to inspect his facilities—elegant carriages, spirited horses and experienced drivers, at Benton's livery stable.

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